

# Weekly Views

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*"There will come a time  
when you believe everything  
is finished. That will be the  
beginning."  
~ Louis L'Amour*



Thursday, April 9, 2009



An ACA audit was conducted at Pendleton Correctional Facility this week. The facility will be recommended for re-accreditation having scored 100% on the Mandatory Standards and 98.4% on the Non-Mandatory Standards.

For Easter, the players of Lowell's First Baptist Church put on the play "The Choice to Love" for Camp Summit students. The play was well received by the students and presented a good lesson in decision making and problem solving.

Offenders at Rockville Correctional Facility held the first RCF March of Dimes, March for Babies and raised \$718.60 for the cause. Participating offenders had their March of Dimes donation card placed on the Recreation building wall.

As part of the facility's Speakers Bureau, 2 Henryville Correctional Facility offenders recently spoke to Jeffersonville High School students enrolled in an Orientation to Life and Careers class. They discussed prison life, drugs, and life choices.

New Castle Correctional Facility honored World War II veterans from the USS Hyman, Korean War Veterans, Vietnam Veterans, and their spouses with a luncheon and tour of the facility. Culinary Arts offenders prepared and served food. (See photo, right.)

Director of Programs Jerry Vance has been appointed to the Great Lakes Technology Transfer Center Board and the Regional Criminal Justice Committee.

Putnamville Correctional Facility staff welcomed home and honored Internal Affairs Investigator David Wire, who has been stationed Iraq for the past 15 months. Wire has been an IDOC employee for over 20 years.

Northeast Juvenile Correctional Facility held a GED graduation luncheon for 3 offenders and their families.



During March, Pendleton Correctional Facility off-ground work crews logged 1,832 hours of community service.

The fourth Wabash Valley PREP Weekend was one of the best ever, according to Assistant Religious Services Director David Liebel. Two groups met for the marriage enrichment workshops, which were covered by a local television station.

Branchville Correctional Facility's PLUS program donated \$250 to two local schools to help fund their After Prom celebrations. The PLUS dorm wanted to help fund these school-run celebrations since they are set up in order to provide a safe alternative to traditional parties.

157 Offenders were compliant with Indiana State Prison's recent cell sanitation and standardization inspection and earned the opportunity to view the NCCA Championship game on the big screen TV. within the Chapel.

Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility recently had 5 students take and pass the General Education Diploma exam.

An Easter Egg Hunt was conducted at the Recreation Area (Quarry) for Plainfield Correctional Facility staff and their families. All of the children attending the event received prizes, and 6 bicycles were given away as part of the festivities.

Four Westville Correctional Facility institutional teachers became Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS) facilitators during a recent training conducted by the Indiana Department of Education. These four are now certified to administer the CASAS test to English as a Second Language students within the facility.

The Indiana Women's Prison Community Outreach Program made 100 bags, scarves, and hats for elderly woman in the Ukraine.

Project Safe Neighborhood representatives interviewed 2 Indiana State Prison offenders for an information commercial.

Correctional Industrial Facility held its 3rd MASTER STUDENT TO MASTER EMPLOYEE graduation ceremony, and 14 students received certificates from Superintendent Tom Hanlon, class instructor Dr. K.D. Nasir and community Pastor Hubert Nolon.

*From the Office of Edwin G. Buss, Commissioner*